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ORISKANY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Rome, New York

Ecosystem Restoration Study

FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION: The Oriskany Wildlife Management Area is a 750-acre tract of land located within the Mohawk River floodplain. Approximately 75 years ago, wetland areas were drained and converted into agricultural land through the installation of a system of drainage ditches. Today, the six main drainage ditches are used to convey runoff from urbanized areas south of the study area into the Mohawk River. The primary goal of the restoration project is to reestablish the wetland complex and provide a resting and forage area for migratory waterfowl. This will be achieved, in part, by the direct restoration of 260 acres of shallow marsh.

AUTHORIZATION: Section 206 of WRDA 1996 [22 US Code 2330].

STATUS: An environmental restoration feasibility study is underway and is scheduled to be completed in early Fiscal Year 2005. Geotechnical sampling and testing was completed in June 2004, the final geotechnical report will be complete by the end of September. The subsequent steps would call for the preparation of plans and specifications prior to project implementation.

FEASIBILITY STUDY COST:

Estimated Federal Cost	\$900,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	<u>0</u>
Total	\$900,000

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